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## Middle East Situation Report #39 (as of 1100 EST, 17 February 1984)

LEBANON/SYRIA	25 <b>X</b>
military activity is significantly reduced. The Druze	25
are maintaining steady pressure on Army positions around Sug al Gharb, although there have been no attacks. The Druze may be attempting to draw Gemayel's attention to the need for an immediate political solution. The focus of Druze military activity is south toward Ad Damur. The LAF command structure appears to be incapable of calling any shots.	25X
Gemayel is under heavy pressure from Lebanese	25
Forces militia and the Phalange Party to formulate some sort of cantonment agreement to guarantee the security of Christian areas	25X
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Saudi Eight Point Plan and is anxiously awaiting Syrian reaction to the plan.	2
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	Israeli armored columns continue to patrol north of the Awwali River, probably as a warning to the Druze.
Krar	recent discovery of a massacre of 117 Druze in the town Matta increases the likelihood of a Druze reprisal Christians, probably in the Kharrub.
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a nea	liminary analysis of satellite photography taken this shows both sides reinforcing their forces in the battle r Mehran on the Central Front. Iranian forces had not
sseu	the border, although Tehran claims to have taken over 40 ilometers of Iragi-occupied territory.

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